Diary Dates

Friday, 12th August
• Mercy Cross and Relic 9:00am
• Prayer Service. Parents are welcome to join us in this Prayer service.

Monday, 15th August
• Feast of the Assumption
• Whole School Mass 9:00am.
• Parents are welcome to join us at Mass.

Tuesday, 16th August
• Selected Students will be attending the Kids Hack Day at Parramatta Marist.

Wednesday, 17th August
• Scholastic Book Fair arrives at St Margaret Mary’s.
• Year Five Prayer Service 2:15pm in Learning Space.

Weeks 6 & 7
• StMM’s Ten Top Days

Leaving
If you know your child/ren will not be returning to this school in 2016/17, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Note Sent Home Today
• Mary MacKillop Excursion
• Father’s Day Wrapping and Stall

Term Three School Fees
Term Three School Fees are due by the 22nd August, 2016. Please contact the school office if you have not yet receive your statement for Term Three. If you have any queries regarding fees please contact Mrs Maria Pagano at the school office.

Head Lice Alert
We have been notified of a number of cases of head lice across the grades. This is a reminder, that it is a good time, to treat your child/ren’s hair and wash bed linen & school hats. Head Lice are an ongoing problem within schools which can only be solved with parents support.

Administration

Retirement
Sadly we announce the retirement of Mrs Kerrie Booth from the office. Kerrie has been part of the St Margaret Mary’s school community for 23 years. Kerrie’s last day at school will be on Friday, 9th September. There will be a Farewell Assembly on Monday morning, the 5th September. Parents are welcome to attend.

Olympic Games Day
On Thursday, 18th August (Week 5), St Margaret Mary’s will be having an Olympic Games Day. Students are able to dress in multi clothes in the colours of the country that their class is representing. Please ensure students wear sports shoes, as we will be competing in a range of games, such as: hurdles, relays, soccer and discus!

StMM’s Top Ten Days (Weeks 6 & 7)
During these two weeks of school we will be coordinating a range of activities around our 4 Pillars: Faith Community, Teaching & Learning, Personal Growth and Partnership. These activities will include activities for Parents, Liturgies for our community, open classrooms and opportunities for students to showcase all the great learning happening at StMM’s. We will also be holding the Scholastic Book Fair during this time. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase books with their children on Monday 22nd August.
A note will be sent home on Monday, 15th August outlining the Top Ten Days.

Lost Property
We have a number of jumpers and jackets in lost property with no names. These items will be sent to the P&F Second Hand Uniform Shop on the afternoon of Friday, 12th August. All items sent to lost property that are clearly labelled are returned to the student via their class teacher.
When labelling jumpers and jackets please label at the base of the item with permanent marker. Please check regularly for a readable name as they can fade after washing.
All containers, lunchboxes and drink bottles that are not labelled will be thrown in the bin after two days.

Students Attendance
The NSW Department of Education and Catholic Diocese of Parramatta have become increasingly concerned about the poor long term outcomes for students, who miss a lot of school through their Primary and Secondary school years. Recent research has established that for many students their attendance pattern throughout their schooling is established as early as Year 1. All schools in Australia must now submit data to the Australian Government about the attendance of their students.
From this, parents of students who have been categorized as having an Emerging (less than 90%) attendance or Chronic (less than 80%) attendance rate will be sent an information letter next week. If attendance remains below these rates parents and children will be asked to meet with the Principal to agree on a plan to improve attendance. Where attendance fails to improve parents and students will be required to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference at Parramatta, with representatives of the Catholic Education Office Diocese of Parramatta. We know all our parents want their children to achieve their academic and personal development potential at school, and trust that all of our families will continue to work with us, to achieve high rates of student attendance and engagement in learning this term and in the future.

Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC)
Students entering the PRC this year must have their reading log entered online by next Friday, 19th of August. https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Mrs Balogh-Caristo (Teacher/Librarian)
Partnership

P&F St Mary MacKillop Museum Tour

Parents are invited to attend a day at the St Mary MacKillop Museum at North Sydney on Tuesday, 23rd August. The Aim of this day is to provide reflective time for parents from their busy lives. Unfortunately we are unable to take toddlers and children on this day. We will be leaving the school at 9:00am and traveling by bus to North Sydney. At the Museum we will have a guided tour and morning tea. There will be time for reflection in the Chapel and a wander through the grounds. Parents will need to provide their own lunch. We will return back at school by 3:00pm. We only have 40 places on the bus. The cost for this excursion is $11.00 per person, which includes the bus hire, morning tea and the tour of the museum.

Any parents wishing to attend please complete the form below and return it to the school office along with the payment by Monday, 15th August.

P&F St Mary MacKillop Museum

I would like to attend the P&F St Mary MacKillop Museum Bus Tour on Tuesday, 23rd August, 2016.

Name: ___________________________ No. of People Attending: __________
Contact Telephone No: ___________ I have enclosed $_______
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Signed

Faith Community

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So if you can spare any time to help us on any of these days, please fill in your details below and send it into the school office. If you are unable to help, please consider sending in food to help feed our wonderful volunteers. Your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

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Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: __________
Time Available: ___________________________

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ACARA

The Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) collects data from schools to determine the Index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA). CEDP is currently working to provide relevant details to the Catholic Education Commission of NSW (CEC).

A full version of this is available on our Skoolbag app.

ACARA AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM, ASSESSMENT AND REPORTING AUTHORITY

PRIVACY NOTICE

Information required to determine the index of Community Socio-educational Advantage (ICSEA) for schools

This notice is from the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA), to advise you that ACARA has requested your child’s school to provide ACARA with information about you and your child. Your school may disclose to ACARA information such as your child’s gender, date of birth, country of birth, background language, residential address, parental occupation and parental education.

This information is disclosed to ACARA under the ACARA Act 2008 for one or both of the following purposes:

• formulating national reports consisting of aggregated data on school performance; and
• assisting government to formulate policies in relation to education matters.

ACARA will not disclose this personal information to any third party. If you do not want your school to provide this information to ACARA, please advise your school within seven (7) days of receiving this notice.

Further information about ACARA can be obtained from the ACARA website at www.acara.edu.au.

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